ONE FIGHT HAS CAUSED ANOTHER

President Dow of the Police Commission Opposed to the Contests.

The Lavigne-Griffo Match Stirs Up Opposition From Local Clubs.

Acme and Reliance Clubs Have Been Denied Privileges Now Easily Obtained.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Dec. 16.

The announcement that the Lavigne-Griffo boxing contest will be brought off in this city has caused much discussion and some dissatisfaction on this side of the bay. The leading opposition comes from members of the Reliance and Acme Athletic clubs, who resent the encouragement given to the mushroom Occidental Athletic Club of Oakland by the Board of Works and the Chief of Police. Some time ago the Acme Club wished to hold a boxing contest between Elmer and McConnell at the Exposition building, and they say that Chief Lloyd refused to permit it. Now the Occidental Club comes over here and at an hour's notice is given a privilege denied local clubs which spend between them $3000 per month for rent and other expenses and there is much kicking.

Chief of Police Lloyd has received the following letter from the secretary of the Board of Works:

Dear Sir: In view of the fact that within a few days there is to be given at the Exposition building in this city, under the auspices of one of the athletic clubs and under the rules of said club, a scientific boxing exhibition of eight rounds and certain preliminaries, the main feature to be a scientific boxing exposition between George Lavigne and Griffo, you are hereby directed to see that the rules governing athletic sports and boxing contests are strictly complied with. By order of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners.

This afternoon there was a meeting of the Police and Fire Commissioners called by President W. A. Dow to consider the order given to Chief Lloyd in regard to the proposed scientific boxing match. Mr. Dow said he had been informed that the Police and Fire Commissioners had held a meeting and had sent an order to the Chief of Police. He distinctly opposed any two members of the board getting together by themselves and doing anything without notifying the third member. "Mayor Thomas and City Engineer Clement have a right to give anything to the Chief of Police that they desire, but not in the name of the board," said Mr. Dow. "I think the people of Oakland will object and I object to it."

Chief Lloyd stated that without such an order from the board he would certainly stop the fight on the ground that the contest was held outside of a bona fide athletic club and would attract the worst element to the city. After Mayor Thomas had it appear on record that the board had not been called to consider a prize-fight a resolution was adopted of the same nature as the order sent to the Chief of Police yesterday. Mr. Dow voted in the negative.

A special meeting of the Police and Fire Commissioners was held this evening and the communication issued to Chief of Police Lloyd last evening relating to the Griffo-Lavigne boxing contest was revoked. The note was unanimous and left the responsibility of the affair with Chief Lloyd. The Chief stated that this being the case he would refuse to allow the fight to take place.

A ROUND VALLEY TALE.

There Is No Hope for "Jack" Littlefield's Murderers.

The State Supreme Court Declares That They Had an Impartial Trial.

One more chapter of the history of Round Valley has been told, and two of the men who lent their hands to the spilling of human blood have been placed where they can do no more harm to their fellowmen. They are B. W. Van Horn and John Crow, convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to serve twenty-five years each in the State prison at San Quentin for the killing of A. D. Littlefield, commonly called Jack Littlefield. The Supreme Court yesterday confirmed the sentence of the lower court that sent them to a quarter of a century behind prison bars.

The tale of their crime forms one of the interesting features of the reign of bloodshed that for years made Round Valley the most notorious section of the State. John M. Vinton was one of the stanch supporters of George W. White, the "King of Round Valley," serving as superintendent of that sovereign's cattle ranch. On September 25 he was shot, some say in a drunken row, and others by his own carelessness. At any rate he accused Littlefield of the crime. The latter was one of the few men who went to the aid of Mrs. Frankie White when she was getting a divorce from her husband, consequently he was not in good standing with the "king."

Van Horn was the constable, and on hearing that Littlefield had shot Vinton, his personal friend, he went with Crow to arrest the accused. Littlefield was found on a mountain trail with several others who were driving cattle. He at once surrendered to the officer and gave up his arms. The captors and their prisoner started out for Ukiah, but they had not gone far before three shots were fired from ambush and he fell dead. Van Horn and Crow returned to the friends of the murdered man, and told them that a mob of twenty men took their prisoner from them and shot him to death, firing twenty shots. His friends found him hanging to a tree with three bullets in his body.

An investigation showed that there had been no mob, and Van Horn and Crow were charged with the crime, or, at least, being in the conspiracy to murder Littlefield. Nearly every one for ten miles round was made to testify, and the evidence showed that there had not been a mob in that part of the country. The trial was long and resulted as stated.

From the judgment the defendants appealed on the ground that the committing magistrate had postponed the preliminary examination for over two weeks without the consent of the accused. The higher court held that their rights were not in jeopardy, for they would have been arrested on another complaint; besides they had redress in habeas corpus. Another objection to the verdict was that the Sheriff had given the jurymen a drink of liquor; but the Supreme Court said that there was no evidence that the jury was under the influence of drink. The other points were dismissed as not being worth consideration.

OVERCOME BY GAS.

Tim Hurley and Patrick Barry, Two Laborers, Have a Narrow Escape

Tim Hurley and Patrick Barry, laborers, yesterday narrowly escaped being victims to the deadly effects of the gas supplied to the city.

They were engaged in putting a service gas pipe on Hickory avenue, between Octavia and Laguna streets, to connect with a house being erected there.

When they opened the main pipe the gas rushed out and so overpowered them that they fell back unconscious. The carpenters at work on the building fortunately noticed them and dragged them out of further danger.

Barry soon recovered, but Hurley was taken to the Receiving Hospital in the patrol wagon. He also soon recovered consciousness and refused to remain in the hospital, saying he would be all right.

MRS. DAVIS LOSES.

Her Husband Given a Decree of Divorce by Judge Greene.

This morning Judge Greene granted a divorce to William Davis on his cross-complaint, which charged willful desertion on the part of the wife.

William Davis is an old-established harness-maker of San Francisco and lives in East Oakland. The wife's complaint charged cruelty, but the court held that it was not sustained. Under the ruling of the court Mrs. Davis is allowed $14,350 cash and property as her share of the community property. Next Monday the case will be concluded, when the deed will be ready. The cash may be paid any time within ten years in sums of not less than $50.

BURGLARS IN SAN MATEO.

A Number of Residences Entered and No Clew to the Thieves.

Burglars are very busy in San Mateo as well as in this city. Tuesday evening the house of George W. Dickie, manager of the Union Iron Works, was entered and nearly everything of value, except the furniture and carpets, was carried off, including the provisions in the pantry. The burglars left the front door open.

Wednesday night the general merchandise store of Paul Bettleheim was entered and a large quantity of provisions and other goods was stolen.

The authorities are without a clew, and have asked assistance from the police here in their efforts to trace the burglars.

THE RECORDS REMAIN.

H. A. Widemann Fails to Reduce the Fifty-Yard Swimming Time.

Howard Brewer Again Defeats Edward B. Stolle in the Quarter Mile Race.

Two attempts were made at the Lurline baths last night to reduce swimming records. Both proved unsuccessful. H. A. Widemann essayed to reduce the fifty-yard record of 29 seconds made some time ago by Dan Renear. Widemann is a strong swimmer, but he was too slow in getting off. He failed to equal Renear's record by one second. He says that he will try it again, as he feels confident that he will be able to make the distance in under 29 seconds.

The race of a quarter of a mile between Howard Brewer, who is the American champion for that distance, and Edward B. Stolle of the California Swimming Club did not prove as exciting as was expected. The record held by Brewer is 6:23 2-5 minutes, and his friends confidently expected that he would lower it last night in addition to again beating Stolle. The men got off together, but Stolle soon fell to the rear. They had to swim across the tank nineteen times, and at each turn Stolle lost a few feet.

He was not near so quick as Brewer in turning, and after the men had crossed the tank twice it was evident that Stolle had no chance of winning. Brewer kept pulling away from him at every turn and did not seem to be exerting himself. He made the quarter mile in 6:24 flat, with Stolle about fifteen yards behind him. Stolle says that he still believes that he can beat Brewer on a course requiring fewer turns. After the race last night he challenged Brewer to meet him again. Stolle formerly held the record, but it was taken from him by Brewer.

The evening's entertainment closed with a polo game between a team from Fort Mason and one composed of members of the Lurline Club. The Lurline team was composed of Widemann, Gettes, Sheppard, Smith, Romin, Brewer and De Lyons, while the soldier boys were represented by G. D. Bailey, T. C. Hellen, F. Gerst, J. Connors, H. Williams, A. Dara and R. Frank. The Fort Mason team scored the first point, but lost the next six and the game.

The polo team of the California Swimming Club immediately challenged the winners.

TABLES NEATLY TURNED.

Mrs. Levy, Who Caused Mrs. Flaherty's Detention, Will Be Arrested.

Judge Hebbard Finds the Case Is Not One for the Insanity Commission.

The tables have turned in the little Harriet-street feud in which Mrs. Margaret Flaherty and Mrs. S. Levy are the leading spirits. Mrs. Flaherty, who lives at 147 Harriet street, has four children, and through some cause Mrs. Levy took a spite at the children and would occasionally throw a bucket of water over them as they were going to or returning from school. Monday night Mrs. Flaherty and Mrs. Levy had a warm argument on the matter and Mrs. Levy came to the conclusion that her neighbor was insane. In consequence she went to the County Clerk's office and swore out a warrant before Deputy County Clerk James Daly charging Mrs. Flaherty with being a lunatic.

Mrs. Flaherty was arrested and yesterday morning the case came up before Judge Hebbard. A few questions were put to the principal witness against Mrs. Flaherty and the court immediately reached the conclusion that the case was one for the Police Court and not for the Insanity Commission as Mrs. Flaherty showed no signs of a deranged mind. He ordered her discharged and she left the City Hall with her husband. Later in the day Mrs. Flaherty's husband, John Flaherty, returned and swore out a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Levy charging her with maliciously procuring a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Flaherty.

Mrs. Levy was arrested shortly afterward and locked up in the City Prison. She refused to make a statement, except to say that at the proper time she would show that Mrs. Flaherty was not in her right mind.

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INSANE UHL TRIES TO MURDER

A Desperate Attempt to Kill Two Men at Temescal.

He Is Now Believed to Be the Slayer of Patrick Murphy.

The Homicidal Maniac Escaped and Is Now Pursued by Many Officers.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 908 Broadway, Dec. 16.

Ferdinand Uhl, a homicidal maniac, attempted to murder Constable Gus Koch and Edward Kearney at Temescal tonight. After shooting at Kearney he fired at the constable at such close range that the officer's face was powder-burned. The dangerous maniac then made his escape, though a posse of officers were soon after him.

It is now generally believed that it was Uhl who slew Patrick Murphy last night, though his family think he was home at the time of the fatal shot. Uhl has been insane for some years, and was confined in an asylum until a few months ago, when he was set free and pronounced well. The shooting last night is the sensation of the neighborhood. As the insane man is still at large there is great terror, especially among the women, who have barred themselves in their homes. The shooting occurred under the following circumstances:

Ed Kearney was passing the Uhl residence shortly before 7 o'clock, when he saw Ferdinand Uhl appear in the door and fire a pistol. He ran up the street and notified Constable Koch that he had been shot at by Uhl. Koch went to the house and rang the bell. As the door was opened a shot was fired in his face, blinding him. He rolled off the steps as three more shots were fired.

The door closed as he jumped over the fence and ran to C. W. Moore's grocery store and telephoned to the police at Oakland for re-enforcements. Koch's face was badly powder-marked and blood was oozing out of it, which caused every one to believe that he was shot. An examination showed that the only bullet that struck him cut a hole through his coat-collar. He soon joined in the hunt for the insane man.

Ferdinand Uhl, who did the shooting, escaped from the house by the back door, after reloading his revolver. The empty shells picked up in the house were Smith & Wesson make of 38-caliber. A year ago last August he was committed to Ukiah for insanity. Early in January last year he was released as cured. He has acted queerly at times, but never caused alarm to his family until the latter part of October when he went to Redwood City to visit a brother.

The day after his arrival he threatened to kill a fruit vender. He entered a doctor's office and asked for something that would kill the man easily. The physician notified the Sheriff, and Uhl was taken into custody and delivered to his family for proper care.

Warden Keating and others declared that he should have been committed from Redwood City, but as the father took charge of him nothing more was thought of it. In speaking of to-night's affair, Uhl's father said:

"I sat here by the table reading. All of a sudden Ferdinand ran through the two rooms to the front door and ran across the street. He came back quickly and sat down in the corner by me. I dropped my paper, and, standing up, said: 'Ferdinand, have you a pistol?' He replied, 'Yes, I have.' I asked him to give it to me. He replied, 'No, I won't,' and ran back to his room. Just then the doorbell rang and Annie started to answer it. He ran past her, opened the door and fired at the constable. He shut the door and ran up stairs, and as he came down I heard shells dropping. The girls begged me to keep away from him and ran to a neighbor's.

"He called to the girls from the back door to come and stay in the house with him. We have not seen him since and do not know which way he went when he left."

Mrs. Uhl was badly frightened and begged for an officer to remain in the house. She said she was afraid he would kill them all. "I never knew he had a pistol," she said, "but have always been afraid he would get one. We have searched his clothes and room closely and never found anything that would lead us to believe he had one."

Miss Annie Uhl declared that her brother could not have been the slayer of Murphy, as he was home when Murphy was killed. Others are by no means so certain that Ferdinand was in the house. Several claim to have seen him at Forty-seventh and Grove streets, half a block from the scene of last night's tragedy, shortly after it happened. To-night it was reported that a man was seen running through Lockley square, half a mile northeast of the Uhl residence, shortly after the shooting.

Chief of Police Lloyd, Sergeant Morrison, Officer Stahl and several constables and deputies hurried to the locality and a thorough search was made for Uhl. Every man and boy in the neighborhood who could get out joined in the hunt, while the women locked the doors and huddled together in inner rooms fearing that the madman might come in on them.

Deputy Sheriff Will White and Officers Stahl and Sherry were detailed to remain in the house to-night to protect the family and capture the son should he return before morning.

Uhl is well prepared to get away. His mother states that in her searches for a revolver she discovered that he had $110 in gold, besides silver.

STUBBS TEA AND DINNER.

Mrs. Will Tevis Gives a Tea. Harrington "Egg-Nogg." Crockett Lunch.

Mrs. J. C. Stubbs and the Misses Mary and Helen Stubbs gave a tea yesterday afternoon at their home, 2519 Pacific avenue, in honor of Joseph D. Stubbs of Evanston, Ill., and Mr. McMechan of Wheeling, W. Va. No elaborate attempts at decorations were made in the lovely home. Choice flowers, ferns and berries were used with taste and discretion and nodded in tall vases and heavy crystal bowls.

During the hours of the tea, from 4 until 6, several hundred guests were entertained.

The ladies were assisted in receiving by Miss Kate Salisbury, Miss Ursula Green, Miss Fannie Baldwin, Miss Della Davidson, Miss Ida Belle Palmer, Miss Della Mills, Miss Bernie Drown, Miss Jessie Hooper, Miss Mai Moody, Miss Clara Huntington, Miss Belle Hutchinson, Miss Mary Kip, Miss Mary Bell Gwin, Miss Eva Moody, Miss Anne Field, Miss Helen Thornton, Miss Margaret Salisbury and Miss Emma Butler.

After the tea the ladies of the receiving party were entertained at dinner, as were also the following gentlemen: Mr. Wigmore, Joseph Stubbs, J. K. Armsby, Mr. Wright, Mr. Sanborn, F. King, S. Palmer, G. Field, H. Veeder, H. Smith, E. Sessions, Mr. Baldwin, D. Watson, B. Metcalf, M. Gibbons, R. McKee, N. Williams, Mr. Somers, Mr. McMechan, Mr. Boss, P. King and Mr. Stringham.

Mrs. Will Tevis gave a delightful tea yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Lloyd Tevis, on Taylor street. For the past year Mrs. Tevis has been making her home in Bakersfield, and this was the first occasion in many months that her friends have had to meet her. During the hours of the tea—4 till 6—several hundred ladies were entertained. Mrs. Tevis was assisted in receiving her guests by a number of this season's debutantes.

Miss Caro Crockett gave a luncheon yesterday at her home on California street. An excellent menu was discussed at a table bright with choice flowers and glittering with silver and crystal. Covers were laid for twelve.

Mrs. Harrington and the Misses Harrington made a new departure yesterday afternoon by giving an "egg-nog" at their home on Leavenworth street. An "egg-nog" differs only from a tea in the fact that egg-nog instead of tea is served during the reception.

The hours of Mrs. Harrington's reception were from 5 till 7 o'clock. About 100 guests enjoyed the distinction of attending the first "egg-nog."

A NEW "AVE MARIA."

Locher's New Composition Attracts Attention at the Hopkins Institute Concert.

The concert at the Mark Hopkins Institute of Art was of unusual interest last night. From time to time Mr. Heyman has included in his programme original compositions, and last night the number that attracted the most attention was a trio for violin, 'cello and piano, "Ave Maria," by Adolph Locher, played by Henry Heyman, L. Langstroth and the composer. This composition received its first presentation, and that Mr. Locher understood thoroughly the instruments for which he was writing is shown by the excellent harmony used throughout the composition. It is full of delicate and dainty melody, clearly brought out by the harmonizing.

The rest of the programme was thoroughly up to the standard maintained by the director. While the music was good it was not the only attraction, for almost every picture had its admiring group. Keith's "Sunlight and Shadow" in particular was always surrounded. The next concert will take place on next Thursday, and will be the last of the season.

THE C MINOR SYMPHONY.

A Splendid Interpretation of Beethoven by Fritz Scheel.

The Ladies Wore Millinery That Created Quite a Wagnerian Illusion.

The Symphony Society commenced real work at the Tivoli yesterday with a programme that was beautiful and in earnest. Scheel was at his best and the band was with him to the last man. It was an afternoon of distinguished pleasure for the lovers of good music, and the audience — a large one — gave token of judicious enthusiasm. Some few straggled late (and they were promptly imprisoned in the lobby until such time as the music came to a full stop) and many would not observe the formality of removing their hats; but on the whole the audience bore itself much better than usual. Even the hats that were almost as large as Christmas trees and twice as handsome were not without value by way of suggesting the invisible orchestra of Beyruth during the playing of the Wagner pieces.

The symphony was Beethoven No. 5; the subsidiary selections were the "Tannhauser" and the "Euryanthe" overtures, Siegfried's "Rhine Journey" from "Gotterdamerung," and the Bacchanale from Saint Saens' "Samson and Delilah." It was a programme that demanded of the leader virtuosity and scholarship, a light hand and a massive one, plastic personality, rugged good sense and a lightning-change pulse, and it got them all in the playing. Had Scheel needed a reputation in San Francisco, yesterday afternoon would have given it to him on the spot. Already the performance is one of the good traditions of the town.

The noblest work, of course, was in the symphony. Since Theodore Thomas no one has been here who played Beethoven as Scheel plays him. I have heard it said of Scheel that his value stops with his personality—that he has the little graces, the manners of music, in fine degree and an affable temperament, but not the broad, tranquil, reverent mind of the musician; but I never believed it. If there were not breadth, tranquility and reverence in the interpretation of this symphony the qualities do not exist.

I do not see the sense in making programme music of every orchestral piece, for the programme (the story) is usually to be found in your own mood and appreciation. Once Mr. Whistler looked over the catalogue of a London picture show and saw that most of the paintings were described by quotations from famous verse. After inspecting the pictures he said: "All the poetry of English art is in the catalogue." But the C minor symphony has a story which it tells for itself in a tongue unmistakable. Any one with ears and heart can understand its note of humanity to humanity. The work is incontestibly human; it deals in the moods of mankind.

There is eerie music that will suggest to the sensitive listener things not of this earth; there is music that paints landscapes and music that paints marines and music that pictures the confusion of the elements; there is the mathematical problem music and the music of the passions and the music of the dance—all sorts of music for all sorts of people. And there is music that depicts the abstract emotions and ambitions of mortal man, and this is to be found at its best in the C minor symphony. The work may well be called the summary of a life.

Scheel played this symphony without trick or pose. He was a reproach to his detractors. He did not grimace the huge, humorous passages of the scherzo where the double basses sound their deep glee; he did not descend to banal rubato in the warm variations in the slow movements; he did not make mere melodrama of the strife in the introduction, nor a muscian's picnic of the joyous conclusion. Every bar of the score that baits the path of the vain leader with chances for exploiting his own personal blandishments was ignored by Scheel. He played the music, nothing more and nothing less; and this is a task for big men only.

The "Gotterdammerung" excerp was a test for the band; it is necessarily difficult and the least slovenliness in the attack will muddle it to nothing. It was given with sonority and feeling. The Saint Saens ballet music was played with splendid rythm and sensuousness and both the overtures were admirable.

I was pleased to hear the "Tannhauser" overture taken at a less runaway pace than when Scheel played it earlier in the season.

ASHTON STEVENS.

THEY WAITED TOO LONG.

Three of the Freeholders Will Have to Accept Indorsements They Do Not Want.

J. A. Anderson, Joseph Britton and H. N. Clement, who were indorsed for freeholders by the Citizens' Independent party, have written to Registrar Hinton requesting that the Citizens' Independent party designation be not placed at their names on the official ballot. Their declinations of the indorsement are too late, however, for the time fixed by law to withdraw nominations from the ticket expired last Saturday night, and in consequence the Registrar will be unable to comply with their requests.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

INSPECTION AT THE PRESIDIO

Colonel Burton Making His Annual Tour of the Posts.

Every Item of Government Property Passes Under His Critical Eye.

His Work to Conclude With a Review of All the Troops Some Day Next Week.

Colonel George H. Burton, inspector-general United States army for the division of the Pacific, has about concluded his annual tour of inspection of the various posts under his jurisdiction. All the smaller posts, including Benicia barracks, Angel Island, Alcatraz and Fort Mason, have been visited and now the colonel is engaged in examining into the condition of affairs at the Presidio.

For the last four days he has been engaged in this work and has completed his task with the exception of the inspection and review of the troops, which is always the last thing on the programme.

The inspection began with a visit to each building devoted to the use of the officers, the condition of the buildings being thoroughly looked into. The barracks were next visited and every nook and corner was peeped into. The rations supplied the men, the kitchen, cooking utensils, dishes, etc., were all spread out in review and everything was found to be in first-class condition.

Next came the examination into the various accounts, and this was slow work, for in addition to the regular payrolls and post and regimental funds each company, troop and battery has a separate "mess fund," which also came in for inspection. Yesterday was devoted to an inspection of the stables of Troops B, C, I and K, Fourth Cavalry, and Light Batteries C and K, Third Artillery, and this was done with as much care as were the quarters of the officers and men. Every pound of hay and grain had to be accounted for, each animal examined and its fitness for service ascertained.

Not a single detail escaped the critical eye of the inspector, who concluded his day's labors with a visit to the sheds in which are kept the field pieces and caissons of the two light batteries. These were found to be in good condition, and Colonel Burton drove away after expressing himself as well pleased with the condition of the post.

It was Colonel Burton's intention to hold his inspection and review of the troops to-day, but a large part of the reviewing ground is covered with water from the recent rains, and he decided to postpone this part of his work. The review will be the spectacular feature of the inspection, and always attracts a large crowd of sightseers. There are nearly 1000 enlisted men in the three branches of the service stationed at the Presidio, and all of these, including the band of the First Infantry, will be in line. Before the review Colonel Burton will go down the line and inspect the uniforms and arms of the officers and men, and it will be an unhappy soldier who has a button on his coat unfastened or a fleck of dust on his rifle or carbine.

LAID POLITICS ASIDE.

The Union League Club Holds Its Fifteenth Annual Ladies' Night.

Political Lights Vie With One Another to Gain the Favor of the Fair Sex.

Pleasure reigned supreme at the Union League Club last evening. Politics for once were laid aside, and the men whose words are law in the world political vied with one another for the favor of their fair guests.

Once a year the league gives a reception to the members and their lady friends, and the affair is usually one of the social events of the season. Last evening's reception was fully equal in magnificence and all that goes toward the making of a great and successful entertainment, to its many predecessors, and General Robert A. Friedrich, president of the league, is deserving of much praise and credit.

The league placed all its rooms at the disposal of its guests. A dressing-room was fitted up for the ladies and placed in charge of two prim and helpful maids. The sterner sex was also thoughtfully attended to, and none considered themselves above the comforting support that a mirror affords.

Elaborate preparations were made by the club members for the reception of their guests. The clubroom was canvased and intwined to the tender mercies of the Misses Worn, who, with the aid of autumn leaves, berries and ferns, transformed the large hall into a beautiful and attractive ballroom.

The large number of handsome women and lovely buds present added not a little to the attractiveness of the scene. For the most part the ladies wore elegant reception gowns. However, here and there a fair neck and gleaming pair of shoulders were seen, and some ladies added to the pleasing variety by wearing large picture hats.

Between dances a musical and literary programme was presented. Miss Ruth Bird Pugh sang Dudley Buck's "Sunset," and Homer Henley rendered with most pleasing effect Hawley's "Bedouin Love Song." Julius Kahn recited and Professor Steinegger gave several piano selections.

Refreshments were served at small round tables that had been tastefully decorated with pink roses.

The reception committee consisted of the following gentlemen, who constitute the officers and directors of the league: President, Robert A. Friedrich; first vice-president, Tirey L. Ford; second vice-president, Dan T. Cole; treasurer, Charles G. Clinch; secretary, S. J. Hendy; board of directors—Robert A. Friedrich, John D. Spreckels, T. K. Stateler, Arthur W. Spear, Tirey L. Ford, Charles G. Clinch, George H. Pippy, Dan T. Cole, George Stone, Frank A. Vail and S. J. Hendy.

Fought the Doorkeeper.

At the fight last evening there was an exhibition which was not on the programme. When King went to the door he brought a few friends who were represented as seconds of the fight. They were refused admittance by Doorkeeper Lynch and a fight ensued. King and Lynch were both arrested for disturbing the peace, but they were afterward released on their recognizances.

Child Study Meeting.

The regular weekly meeting of the San Francisco Child Study Society will be held at the Occidental Hotel at 2:30 P. M. to-day. Subjects: Sully's "Dawn of Reason," "Heredity" and "Child Study."

KLONDIKE ON WHEELS.

The Alaska Trade Committee Car on Its Way to the East.

Will Advertise San Francisco as the Best Outfitting Port on the Coast.

A special car for Chicago left last night carrying Secretary Carman, Governor Shaekley and Charles R. Taylor, who is to represent the committee in New York. The car was decorated profusely with flowers, and on one side a banner announces the "Alaska Trade Exhibit" and on the other side is "California Golden Jubilee and Mining Fair, Commencing January 24." Around the top of the car are garlands of evergreen and holly berries. In the interior at one end is a large floral design, in which is a miner's pan and pick. The roof of the car is decorated with garlands and flowers, all set in moss, so as to remain fresh at least ten days. Many of the committee went to Oakland to see the car off, and wish the Chicago delegation all success.

The advance agent of the party has wired Secretary Carman from Ogden that the party is billed to stop at Ogden until 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. On its arrival there it will be met by the Mayor of the city and twenty-five representative men, who will give a reception.

From Ogden the advance agent went to Salt Lake City yesterday to make similar arrangements there for the party. John E. Bennett, the well-known writer and lecturer, of Berkeley, will leave Dec. 26 and will travel through the States of Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois and the southern parts of Michigan and Wisconsin. He will deliver illustrated lectures entitled "From San Francisco to the Klondike." The illustrations will include about 800 views, many of them colored. Views of San Francisco and the harbor will be shown and the lecturer will emphasize the advantages of San Francisco as an outfitting point for Klondike. Mr. Bennett has for the past three months been studying Alaska, and this investigation added to his knowledge of the country acquired through travel will not only enable him to give one of the most entertaining lectures possible upon this vast subject, but makes him competent to answer all questions about the country and how to get there. He will be preceded by an advance agent and business manager. The lectures will be delivered in the large theaters, and every means will be taken to give a first-class entertainment. He expects to deliver thirty lectures and distribute much literature on San Francisco and its commercial resources.

The committee yesterday received the first 100,000 copies of Professor Davidson's map, which it has had printed specially for distribution. On the reverse of the map are many valuable directions and suggestions and much information of importance to persons who contemplate going to the upper Yukon goldfields during the coming season.

Total subscriptions to date, $9849. Received yesterday: A friend, $10; Pacific Rolling Mills, $50; American Lithograph Company, $2 50; Boesch Lamp Company, $10; G. W. Clark & Co., $10; William Oberdener, $2 50; Sharon estate, for Palace and Grand, $200.

DEPPE DID NOT MURDER.

Jury Found That He Was Temporarily Insane When He Shot Zammitt.

In Consequence His Act Was Not a Criminal One and He Was Found Not Guilty.

H. N. Deppe, who shot and killed Joseph Zammitt, a fireman, in front of a truckhouse on Market street, between Tenth and Eleventh, on the 27th of last September, was acquitted by a jury in Judge Wallace's court last evening. The shooting was admitted by the defendant, but in extenuation for his crime he pleaded insanity, which was caused by the actions of his victim. The case went to trial on the 1st of December, and much evidence was admitted to prove the condition of the defendant's mind at the time of the shooting. The jury accepted the defense offered as a complete one, and excused Deppe for his act.

Deppe is a saloon man and conducts an establishment at Fifteenth and Shotwell streets. Up to the time of his arrest he lived with his family and was always a contented man until Zammitt crossed his threshold. One day while Deppe was away Zammitt made a criminal assault upon his wife, and from that moment the men were enemies. Deppe let the matter pass for the time being, but later began to brood on the criminal act on of the man who he supposed was his friend. Finally Zammitt began to boast of his crime and slander the wife of Deppe, and it reached his ears. On the 27th of September Deppe, his mind unhinged by the act and boasting of Zammitt, took a revolver and went in search of the man who had wronged him. He met him in front of the truckhouse, and without a word shot him dead. Deppe was arrested immediately following the shooting and taken to prison. Several days were occupied in the trial of the case, and yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock it went to the jury. Two hours later a verdict for the defendant was found, and Deppe walked from the courtroom with his family a free man.

Divorces Granted.

Mary A. Moses was granted a divorce from Walter H. Moses by Judge Hebbard yesterday on the ground of extreme cruelty. John J. McDevitt procured a divorce from his wife, Kate McDevitt, on the ground of habitual intemperance. Emma L. Bennett was granted a divorce from George L. Bennett by Judge Dalngerfield. As a cause of action the plaintiff alleged willful neglect. She was allowed to resume her maiden name, Emma Lee. H. Spitzer was granted his application for a divorce from his wife, Fannie Spitzer, on statutory grounds. Jacinto Cortes was allowed a divorce from his wife, Vicente Cortes. As a cause of action the plaintiff alleged habitual intemperance on the part of his wife. Emma Jessup was granted a divorce from Isaac Jessup by Judge Seawell on the ground of desertion.

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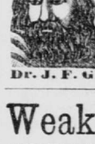

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